

in establishing our county government.

The supervisors of 1866 were Adam Nottingham, Reuben Buzzard, Wm. B

Hannah and Charles Morrison they received 2.00 for each day spent in tran-

sacting routine business, such as the salaries of various office holders

determining their duties etc. And today our county government is run on much

the same plan as it was founded on over a century ago by our deep thinking

public spirited men.

It was about 1868 that the toll bridge was first put into use in Poc-

ahontas County, having served its purpose for a number of years or up to the

first part of the nineteenth century when they were done away with by our

county courts, they having served their day in helping maintain themselves

and part of our main highways, they being brought about by our county gov-

ernment and were done away with by the same body.

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It was in 1862 that the first Sheriff of Pocahontas County died and so the county mourned the death of one of our pioneers in county Government Jonathan Jordan. It was about that time that Jacob Kinnison qualified as deputy sheriff for Isaac McNeel.

At the outbreak of the war the inhabitants of the county had to bear many hardships and often suffer misery as the warfare was very barbarous and destructive as many buildings were burned and all sorts of property was damaged or molested, The court had to meet in the old Presbyterian Church at Huntersville as the court house had been set on fire but the records were saved and taken in hiding for their preservation. During the war when all able bodied men were in military service supplies were hard to get and at very high prices especially clothing so it fell on the county court to try and relieve the situation by appointing an agent to purchase cotton yarn and cotton cloth to be used in clothing the families of the soldiers and of poor people to this task they appointed Col. Paul McNeel and gave him the power to use as high as 50,000.00 in relieving the situation as winter was approaching and the populace needed clothing so they had to act in haste lest the lives of people of Pocahontas County be endangered. Each family payed cash for the yarn and the cloth except the less fortunate and to these it was rationed to meet their necessities. During the war it



impossible for the court to lay and collect a levy to meet current expenses so the court asked all the acting justices all over the county to meet with them to consider the issuing and selling of bonds they were to be \$25.50 and \$100.00 bonds and were to be offered for sale by the Sheriff at July term of court 1864, the sheriff having posted notices over the county to that effect. The court did not meet regularly during the war as only business of urgent nature was passed on and then as circumstances would permit.

Uriah Hevener was chosen Sheriff of Pocahontas County May 26 1864 his tenure of office starting January 1 1865.

At this time it was very hard to get supplies to this section as most of them could only be gotten at Millboro Depot or points farther away and in the distribution of salt after it had been allotted each family had to agree to give one fifth of his allotment and upon arrival at places of distribution had to pay \$5.00 a hundred this meant a very high price for salt but was the only way of obtaining it. And a greater part of the responsibility rested on the hands of the County Court, as the most of the population was dependant on it.

It was about this time that the court made a survey and found that an area of the county 32 by 35 miles was without the services of a physician and so they petitioned the State for a new set of judges to be detailed from military serv-